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OFFICERS FOR 1919

Rev. W. A. Jones.....	Moderator
Rev. J. C. Melton.....	Vice Moderator
Rev. George H. Penny.....	Secretary
Bro. D. W. H. Mitchener.....	Treasurer
Rev. M. F. Jones.....	Auditor

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. William Ellerbee, Rev. H. M. Jones, Rev. R. B. Jones,
Bro. J. A. Holden, Bro. J. C. Brewington, Rev. M. F. Jones,
Bro. A. W. Penny.

TRUSTEES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Bro. H. R. Goodson, Bro. A. F. Sanders, Bro. C. H. Sanders,
Bro. W. D. Sanders, Bro. C. T. Brewington, Bro. Willias Cole,
Bro. Elias Allen, Bro. J. H. Montague, Bro. J. E. Hocutt, Revs.
J. C. Melton, C. C. Clark, R. B. Jones, W. A. Jones, W. H.
Mitchener, M. F. Jones, W. M. Ellerbee, H. R. Holt, R. W.
Underwood, R. Crockett, S. S. Hall, C. H. Dunn, H. H. Sanders,
M. L. McCoy, M. V. Canaday, A. T. Price, D. R. Wilson.

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Revs. H. M. Jones, M. F. Jones, W. M. Ellerbee, W. H.
Mitchener, W. A. Jones.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Revs. W. H. Mitchener, D. R. Wilson, J. W. Jones, J. R.
Hinnant, R. Crockett, H. H. Sanders, Bro. J. A. Jones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Bros. H. R. Goodson, J. W. Byrd, W. C. Mill, W. F. Kornegay, Rev. H. H. Sanders, T. J. Jones.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

W. A. Jones, Raleigh; M. F. Jones, Raleigh; R. B. Jones, Raleigh; A. T. Price, Raleigh; M. G. Watkins, Raleigh; C. C. Clark, Raleigh; W. M. Ellerbee, Raleigh; W. H. Mitchener, Smithfield; J. C. Melton, Smithfield; W. M. A. Sanders, Smithfield; H. R. Holt, Smithfield; H. H. Sanders, Smithfield; G. H. Penny, Smithfield; H. E. Clark, Wilsons Mills; Len Chappell, Wilsons Mills; J. W. Jones, Wilsons Mills; A. J. Jones, Wilsons Mills; R. Crockett, Clayton; N. L. Horton, Clayton; Irvin Davis, Clayton; R. S. Sanders, Clayton; E. D. Sanders, Selma; A. J. Jones, Powhatan; H. M. Jones, Auburn; C. H. Dune, Durham; S. S. Hall, Eagle Rock; J. H. Crow, Dunn; M. L. McCoy, Dunn; R. W. Underwood, Dunn; M. V. Canaday, Durham; E. M. Browley, D.D., Durham; A. L. Bridges, Clayton; J. D. Dawson, Smithfield.

LICENSED MINISTERS

G. R. Pair, Clayton; J. W. Woodard, Smithfield; Hardy Pair, Clayton; George Barnes, Kenly; S. F. Benjamin, Selma.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Address of welcome.
3. Response.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Appointment of committees:
 - (a) Committee on Finance.
 - (b) Committee on Hours of Meeting.
 - (c) Committee on Resolutions.
 - (d) Committee on Officers.
 - (e) Committee on Place.
 - (f) Committee on Temperance.
 - (g) Committee on Obituary.
6. Report of Executive Board.
7. Report of Missionary Board.
8. Report of committees.
9. Report of Trustees of the High School.
10. Miscellaneous business.

PROCEEDINGS

Spring Hill, N. C., November 20, 1918.

The Johnston Baptist Association met in its thirty-third annual session, November 20, 1918, with the Spring Hill Baptist Church. Promptly at 10:30 o'clock, the Moderator, Dr. W. A. Jones, called the first session to order. Praise service conducted by Rev. R. S. Sanders. Singing, Hymn No. 623, "O For a Heart to Praise My God." Scripture lesson, 148th Psalm. Singing, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound."

The Moderator stated that half an hour would be devoted to songs, prayer and expressions. The time was well spent.

Rev. R. Crockett, the pastor, made an address of welcome. He made us all feel at home, and asked that the Association complete its work in a two-day session as an epidemic of influenza was raging in the community.

Response by Bro. N. A. Clark. He stated the objects of the Association in a logical manner.

Acting upon the request of the pastor that the Association complete its business as quickly as possible, it was moved and carried that the Association adjourn Thursday to complete its work Friday before the fifth Sunday in December at the First Baptist Church, Clayton.

After some discussion, a motion was made that the introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. H. R. Holt be deferred until after the Moderator's address during the afternoon session.

THE ENROLLMENT

Green Hill—George Leach.

New Bethel—N. A. Clark, W. D. Sanders, H. D. Duncan.

Spring Hill—Rev. R. Crockett, J. R. O'Neal, John Hunt.

Selma—Gilford Gilmore, Charlie Sanders.

St. Marys—Len Chapel.

Lees Cross Roads—Ben Lee, L. B. Watson.

Ebenezer—W. C. Parker, George Barnes.

Strickland Grove—George Sanders.

Clayton—M. L. Watson, H. R. Goodson.

Smithfield—M. L. Dancy, J. W. Woodard, D. W. H. Mitchener.

Galilee—A. F. Sanders.

Johnston Piney Grove—Vassie Barnes.

Fayetteville Street, Raleigh—S. V. Jeffries, Setten Hinton.

St. Johns, Dunn—Sanley Wilkins.

Rev. H. R. Holt, Smithfield; Rev. M. F. Jones, Raleigh; Rev. S. S. Hall, Eagle Rock; Rev. R. W. Underwood, Dunn; Rev. W. A. Jones, Raleigh; Rev. R. S. Sanders, Clayton; Rev. W. M. Jones, Dunn; Rev. G. D. Donnelson, Smithfield; Rev. D. R. Wilson, Wilsons Mills; Rev. R. Crockett, Clayton; Rev. M. L. McCoy, Dunn; Rev. H. M. Jones, Auburn; Rev. G. H. Penny, Smithfield; Rev. E. D. Sanders, Selma; Rev. R. B. Jones, Raleigh; Rev. W. M. Ellerbee, Raleigh; Rev. C. H. Dunn, Durham; W. G. Stancill, Bailey; Len Chapel, Wilsons Mills; Willie Fixes, Wilsons Mills; W. G. Benjamin, Selma.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Committee on Enrollment—Rev. H. R. Holt, Rev. R. W. Underwood, N. A. Clark.

Committee on Finance—H. R. Goodson, S. Wilkins, N. A. Clark, C. T. Brewington, M. L. Dancy.

Committee on Officers—Rev. M. L. McCoy, Rev. W. M. A. Sanders, George Barnes, Rev. R. Crockett, A. F. Sanders, Geo. Leach, Geo. Sanders.

Committee on Temperance—A. F. Sanders, Sister R. A. Bunn, H. E. Duncan.

Committee on Obituary—Rev. N. L. Horton, Rev. R. S. Sanders, Rev. W. M. Jones, Rev. I. J. Jones, Rev. H. H. Sanders, W. D. Sanders, M. L. Watson, Mrs. M. L. Dancy.

Committee on Place—Rev. H. R. Holt, Rev. M. F. Jones, Rev. S. S. Hall, Rev. R. S. Sanders, Bro. S. V. Jeffries.

Committee on Constitution—Rev. R. W. Underwood, Rev. M. L. McCoy, Rev. H. R. Holt, H. R. Goodson, Filford Gilmore.

Committee on Moderator's Address—Rev. M. F. Jones, Rev. C. H. Dunn, Rev. R. W. Underwood, H. R. Goodson, Charlie Sanders, George Sanders.

Rev. D. S. Saulters, of High Point, was introduced. He brought greetings from the West.

Rev. W. M. Jones was asked to take the offering. Amount collected, \$2.

Remarks by the Moderator.

Benediction by Rev. D. S. Saulters.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise service conducted by Revs. W. M. A. Sanders and D. S. Saulters. Singing Hymn No. 196. Scripture lesson, II Cor. 4th chapter. Singing, "Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee."

Minutes of morning session was read and adopted.

Address by the Moderator. He brought us many helpful suggestions and recommendations. Upon motion, the address was placed in the hands of a committee composed of Rev. R. W. Underwood, H. R. Goodson, and Charlie Sanders.

Introduction sermon by Rev. H. R. Holt. Singing, "What a Fellowship." Prayer by Rev. M. F. Jones. Singing, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Rev. Holt took for his text Matt. 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build my church." The subject being "The Church: Its Endurance, Its Dignity, Its Power, Its Duty, Its Destiny." The sermon was an able one and was delivered with power. Prayer by Rev. Donaldson.

Report of the Union meeting of the Johnston Baptist Association for the year 1918. (See report.)

Bro. J. W. Woodard was asked by the Moderator to take the offering. Amount collected, \$4.15.

Benediction by Rev. H. R. Holt.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Praise service by the congregation. Minutes of the afternoon session read and adopted. Dr. C. E. Askew, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, being absent, Rev. D. S. Saulters, of High Point, was asked by the Moderator to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. Singing, Hymn 378, "O for a Heart to Praise My God." Prayer by Rev. S. S. Hall. Singing, "Father, I Stretch My Hand to Thee."

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. D. S. Saulters. After a few remarks, he took for his text St. John 16:15; the subject being "Soul Winning." Rev. Mr. Saulters preached a stirring sermon.

Rev. J. W. Ligon, Moderator of the Wake Baptist Association; Rev. G. W. Watkins, Field Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, were introduced and made welcome.

Bros. S. V. Jeffries and W. D. Sanders were asked to take the offering. Amount collected, \$4.25.

After announcements by the Moderator, Rev. D. S. Saulters pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Praise service conducted by Revs. M. L. McCoy and W. M. A. Sanders.

Minutes of the evening session read and adopted.

The Moderator introduced Rev. M. F. Jones, B.Th., who preached the Educational Sermon. Text, Hosea 8:12. Subject, "The Bible: a holy book; a true book; a guide; how it is treated; study the Bible." The sermon was an inspiring one, and made us feel that it is good to be on God's side.

The Moderator introduced Rev. G. W. Watkins, Field Secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who for thirty minutes held our attention with a recital of his work for the Master, not only here in America, but of the good being accomplished in Africa, Haiti, and other parts of the world.

After singing "I am Glad it Reaches Me," Rev. R. W. Underwood was asked by the Moderator to take the offering for missions. Those contributing, with the amount, were as follows: Rev. R. W. Underwood, 50 cents; Rev. S. S. Hall, 50 cents; Rev. D. R. Wilson, \$1.00; Rev. I. J. Jones, 50 cents; D. W. H. Mitchener, 50 cents; B. Lee, 50 cents; Henry Duncan, 50 cents; G. W. Leach, 50 cents; J. B. O'Neal, 50 cents; W. D. Sanders, 50 cents; J. E. Hocutt, \$1.00; Spring Hill Church, \$2.50. Total amount collected, \$25.00.

The report of the High School Trustees was read and adopted. (See report.)

The Secretary read a letter from Rev. W. H. Mitchener, as follows:

Smithfield, N. C., November 19, 1918.

Johnston Baptist Association.

Dear Brethren:—I feel like it will be impossible for me to meet you at this meeting of the Association. I have had one child to die and one is now very sick, and I ask you to pray for me. Whatever seems best for the Association shall have my full cooperation. You may expect to have reports from all of my churches. Amen.

WM. H. MITCHENER.

The Moderator requested that committee reports be postponed until the afternoon session.

Benediction by Rev. G. W. Watkins.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise service by the congregation.

Minutes of the morning session was read and adopted.

The report of Committee on Temperance was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of Committee on Officers was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of Committee on Time and Place was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. This committee was asked to conclude their work at the extra session to be held at Clayton on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December.

After remarks by the Moderator, Dr. W. A. Jones, the session adjourned to meet in Clayton on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1918, to complete the business of the Association.

Singing, "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

Benediction by Rev. H. H. Sanders.

Clayton, N. C., December 27, 1918.

The extra session of the Johnston Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. W. A. Jones.

Praise service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Foreman. Singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by Rev. R. B. Jones. Scripture lesson, St. Matt. 7th chapter. Singing, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Address of welcome by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Clark. He extended a most cordial welcome and bade us to take advantage of the hospitality of his people.

Response by Rev. H. E. Clark. He declared the invitation accepted and would be acted upon in the spirit in which it was given, hoping that the conduct of the visitors and delegates would merit the hearty invitation just extended.

It was moved and carried that the Association donate ten dollars toward the purchase of a badge to be presented to the ex-Moderator, Rev. W. M. Ellerbee, as a token of appreciation of the twenty years of service as Moderator of this Association.

Rev. Wimberly, pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church of Raleigh, and Rev. W. H. Freeman, of Clayton, were introduced and made welcome.

The Moderator requested that the Association complete its work in the afternoon session.

Rev. Freeman was asked to take the offering. Amount collected, \$2.50.

Benediction by Rev. Wimberly.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Praise services by the congregation.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Moderator's Address was read and adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Constitution was read and adopted. (See report, and note the changes.)

Rev. H. Mial was introduced and made welcome.

After a few remarks by the Moderator, the session adjourned to meet with the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1919.

Singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Benediction by Rev. C. C. Clark.

REV. W. A. JONES,
Moderator.

REV. GEORGE H. PENNY,
Secretary.

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Dear Friends and Coworkers of the Thirty-third Session of the Johnston Baptist Association—Greetings:

Since our last annual meeting our struggles and trials have been many, but we have been spared and permitted through the providence of our Heavenly Father to assemble in this great and glorious work of service and soul-winning. The year through which we have passed has been one in which the powers of the Church have been severely tested and tried, and one in which the military and naval forces have been brought up to their greatest strength against kaiserism and autocracy, but the Church of God will and must conquer.

We are facing conditions today that the world never dreamed of, and let us face them bravely. The world may fail to achieve its desires, but the Church of God will succeed. Jesus has

brought us through many dark days, and if we trust Him we shall be victorious.

Dear brethren, as coworkers together with Christ, we must be faithful and determined, for the salvation of the unsaved depends upon the Church.

Nineteen hundred years have passed since the birth of Christianity, but the human race has not yet accepted the brotherhood of man. High cost of living, on account of extortioners and speculators of the necessities of life, lynching and burning human beings on mere suspicion, race riots and the greatest war since the beginning of time, are the conditions which confront us today. These conditions do not mean that Christianity is a failure, but rather that the nation has not accepted and fully tried the Christian religion that the Church plays in this great upheaval. If she would fulfill her mission, let her not forget that her weapons are not carnal, but spiritual. The nations must be taught to love one another; this is our mission. There must be less strife in our churches before our religion will be effective. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples: that ye love one another" are the words of the Master. When brethren differ with each other in opinions, there should be manifest the spirit of tolerance. Let this be the spirit of each representative during this annual session.

The object of the Johnston Association is the same as laid down in the Constitution: the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; but how can preaching be done without a preacher? and how can he preach except he be prepared? Then preparation is essential to every successful preacher; therefore the training of ministers for this glorious work is an absolute necessity. We do not mean to say that education makes the minister. No sensible person would say that, but every one who attempts to preach the gospel should be trained. Proof of this is found in the Scriptures. There we find the school of the prophets, and also of Christ teaching His disciples during His earthly ministry. Then behold Paul, whose record as a preacher and missionary shines out in bold relief on the pages of the New Testament. He sat at the feet of Gamaliel, and in writing to Timothy said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word

of truth." It is sad to see names of so many young men in the licentiate column. And what are to change conditions! I am anxious to do something to foster the cause of our Associational School at Smithfield. We must do more than we have done in former years.

Brethren, let's come together; let's get the ministers, the deacons, and our missionary sisters in all the churches together and let's pay for our school property. Secular education is necessary to the welfare and prosperity of all. The public schools should be conducted so as to meet the needs of the people in this respect. While our Association is deeply interested in public education and believes that each community should take more interest in its school, it is the primary duty of the Church to foster missions and ministerial education. Ten or more years ago we started the effort to buy land and put up a building, and by the help of our Father we have erected the building with twenty-two rooms, girls' sleeping apartment, room for principal, pantry, kitchen, dining-room, chapel, recitation room, and also office. Brethren, how can you afford to stop here and wrangle and let the work be hindered by unfaithful men who had rather see a failure than a success?

The Sunday School, as the church school, is very important in the development of the Christian life, but in too many of our churches the Sunday School receives too little attention from the pastor; and for this reason it fails in its aim and purpose, which is lofty, and the building of character sublime. In the Sunday School he has the opportunity of meeting and helping his young people, and the best expression of him as a teacher is here reflected. Without doubt, it is the best medium through which he can teach the Bible most effectively. The relation of the Sunday School to the church is so vital that the officers of the Sunday School should be approved of by the church; and no Sunday School should be allowed in the church unless it has for its aim the highest good of the church.

I recommend that we continue the budget plan and put forth efforts to raise the amount necessary to pay off the present debt for 1919. I also recommend a continuation of the Woman's Auxiliary of our Association, and commend them for what they have already done, and also commend our Ministers' and Deacons' Unions for their help, and the Sunday School Convention

for so well safeguarding and keeping its pledge to the Association. And have labored all these years for the purchasing, together with the brethren who have worked for running of our school and paying for the property at the same time, which seems almost impossible.

I would suggest that, at the close of this school session now announced to begin October 28, 1918, that the present session take such steps and decide upon the pro rata part each church should pay to enable the Association to pay off this debt of long standing before any more school is taught at the expense of the Johnston Baptist Association.

Brethren, I recommend to you, one and all, let's be men and pay for this property and stop mincing at it with a few pennies. It will take dollars. Let's pay for it and stop all this interest and fees that we have been paying all these years, and must continue to pay until we as men, yes, Christian men and lovers of the cause of Christ and education, arrange to pay this debt at once.

I recommend that the Constitution be so revised that there shall be added to its list of officers a corresponding secretary, whose duty it shall be, among other things, to correspond with each church within the bounds of this Association and keep them aroused quarterly to the importance of helping the Association to keep its obligations and pledges. I suggest that if a suitable man can be secured within the bounds of our Association who will under the circumstances act as missionary, that he be so authorized by this Association to use so much of the year as may to the Executive Board be deemed necessary and his sphere of work may be outlined by the Executive Board, and that he report to said board once in three months through the Corresponding Secretary. That there be an instructor in Bible, Church History, and Christian Doctrine, who, cooperating with the principal, may teach other branches as may be approved by them. That pledges be taken at this session from each pastor, minister, friend and delegate for paying the salary of such instructor, pledges to be forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary or Treasurer within thirty days after the adjournment of this Association.

I hope these recommendations may have your careful consideration and hearty approval.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS FOR 1919

We, your Committee on Officers, beg leave to make the following report:

For Moderator—Rev. W. A. Jones.

For Vice Moderator—Rev. J. C. Melton.

For Secretary—Rev. George H. Penny.

For Treasurer—Bro. D. W. H. Mitchener.

For Auditor—Rev. M. F. Jones.

For Trustees of the High School—Bros. H. R. Goodson, chairman; C. H. Sanders, A. F. Sanders, W. D. Sanders, C. T. Brewington, Willias Cole, Elias Allen, J. H. Montague, J. E. Hocutt, and all the pastors.

Members of other boards to remain as before.

Rev. M. L. McCoy,

Rev. W. M. A. Sanders,

George Barnes,

George Sanders,

George Leach,

Rev. R. Crockett,

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

We, your committee, recommend the adoption of the recommendations contained in the Moderator's address, and that it be printed in the Minutes of the Association.

Rev. R. W. Underwood,

Rev. H. R. Goodson,

Rev. M. F. Jones,

Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

We, your Committee on Time and Place, recommend that the Association meet with the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1919.

Rev. H. R. Holt,
 Rev. R. S. Sanders,
 Rev. S. S. Hall,
 W. C. Parker,
 S. V. Jeffries,
 Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Received from Finance Committee, 1917, in cash.....	\$189.34
By check	41.35
Total.....	<u>\$230.69</u>

Disbursements

Oct. 27.	A. L. Wall	\$155.27
Nov. 5.	A. L. Wall	18.60
1.	W. A. Jones	2.60
1.	W. M. A. Sanders.....	1.25
24.	George Penny	1.69
Dec. 10.	H. J. Smith	10.00
17.	Mrs. Mitchell	25.00
21.	Teacher's salary	12.00
Jan. 12.	J. W. Byrd	2.50
12.	J. W. Byrd	1.25
21.	E. G. Smith	1.25
21.	E. G. Smith	2.00
		<u>\$232.16</u>
	Overdrawn.....	\$ 1.47

REPORT OF AUDITOR

I have examined the Treasurer's books and papers and find them correct.

M. F. Jones,
Auditor.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR THOSE HAVING THE
MINISTRY IN VIEW

Reading, writing, arithmetic, United States history, general history, geography and scripture geography, theology, systematic theology (Pendleton), The Church (Harvey), Deaconship (Howell), Church Discipline (Hiscox), Homiletics (Broadus), History of the Baptist Denomination and the History of the Bible.

The course of study was unanimously adopted by the Association, and the churches are requested to license no person who cannot pass a creditable examination on reading, writing, the fundamental principles of arithmetic, grammar and geography; and to ordain no person who cannot pass a satisfactory examination on the entire course.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

<i>Church</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Minute Fund</i>	<i>Total</i>
William's Grove	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00
Union Baptist		2.00	2.00
Galilee	17.80	7.20	25.00
Wake Baptist Grove		21.40	21.40
St. Marys	9.50	3.00	12.50
White Oak Hill	5.00	5.00	10.00
Good Samaritan	12.80	6.40	19.20
Benson Chapel		1.85	1.85
Ebenezer	3.75	2.50	6.25
Fayetteville Street		10.15	10.15
Mount Carmel	5.00	3.00	8.00
Spring Hill	15.00	5.00	20.00

New Bethel	11.75	3.50	15.25
Lee's X Roads		6.90	6.90
New Vester	21.70	5.15	26.85
Smithfield	25.00	16.80	41.80
Strickland Grove	6.50	2.20	8.70
Green Hill	10.00	2.70	12.70
New Bethel, W. C.	5.00	6.00	11.00
Clayton	22.19	8.25	30.44
New Hill	2.60	.65	3.25
Oaky Grove	17.60	4.40	22.00
Johnston Piney Grove	14.50	15.50	30.00
Green Chapel	4.90	7.50	12.05
Selma	47.60	11.90	59.50
St. Johns	11.00	5.00	16.00
Dawson Street		2.00	2.00
Roger's Grove	3.25	2.00	5.35
St. Amanda	4.50	4.50	9.00
William Grove	4.00	4.00	8.00
Sister's Auxiliary, Sister Webb.....			\$ 2.50
Ordained minister's fees			74.73
Licensed minister's fee			2.50
Selma Circle, Woman's Auxiliary.....			11.25
Mrs. Mary F. Jones.....			9.08
Public collection			37.09
From churches			\$457.14
Other collections			137.15
Total.....			\$594.29

H. R. Goodson,
N. A. Clark,
C. T. Brewington,
M. L. Dancy,
Committee.

ANNUAL FEE

Rev. M. F. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. S. S. Hall, \$1.00; Rev. R. W. Underwood, \$1.00; Rev. W. A. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. R. S. Sanders, \$1.00; Rev. W. M. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. G. D. Donaldson, \$1.00; Rev. D. R. Wilson, \$1.00; Rev. R. Crockett, \$1.00; Rev. M. L. McCoy, \$1.00; Rev. H. M. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. E. D. Sanders, \$1.00; Rev. H. H. Sanders, 50 cents; Rev. R. B. Jones, \$1.00; Rev. C. H. Dunn, \$1.00; Rev. W. M. Ellerbee, \$1.00; Rev. George H. Penny, \$1.00; Rev. H. R. Holt, \$1.00; Bro. J. W. Woodard, 50 cents; Bro. George Barnes, 50 cents; Bro. Len Chapel, 50 cents; Bro. W. G. Benjaman, 50 cents; Bro. W. G. Stancill, 50 cents.

REPORT OF THE UNION MEETING OF THE
JOHNSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Brother Moderator and Brethren—Greeting:

We have held three Union meetings during the year. The Lord has been with us.

Total collections during the year 1918.....	\$156.76
Disbursements	129.79

Amount in treasury.....	\$ 10.92
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REV. H. R. HOLT, *President.*

REV. GEORGE H. PENNY, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Whereas, the day and time demands sound minds, strong bodies, and moral conduct for both men and women:

Be it resolved, that we stand fast for all that tends to make us just what the day and time requires that we should be.

The day demands that we, as ministers and friends of the Johnston Association, begin as never before to consider our obligation to God and our responsibility to mankind in our daily deportment.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that we strip ourselves of everything that tends toward intemperance in any form, such as the use of stimulants as a beverage, tobacco in all forms, and let us stand by and support and encourage everything that tends to purify and uplift mankind and the cause of Christ, the gospel of salvation for soul, body, mind and spirit, that we may honor the charge committed to us by the Great I Am.

Bro. A. F. Sanders,
Sister Roberta Bunn,
Bro. H. E. Duncan,
Rev. D. S. Saulters,
Committee.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Brethren:—At the close of the Association in 1917 the Board was forced to take up the note. We exchanged it after a hard struggle in that we enlarged the note from \$1,199.58 to \$1,500. After paying the fee, brokerage, insurance, revenue stamps, etc., we had on hand \$164.57. We payed on salary as long as it lasted.

The school year began in November with four teachers: Prof. J. W. Byrd, Miss Thornton, Mrs. Mitchell, and

Realizing our inability to meet the expenses of the school for a longer period, we recommend that the session be brought to a close in March.

Mortgage	\$1,500.00
Interest and fee	195.00
Teacher's salaries	248.24
Wood, J. H. Sanders.....	22.00
Southern School Supply Company.....	79.23

Total.....\$2,062.73

A. F. Sanders, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to make the following report:

Members who have gone from labor to reward from the various churches:

First Baptist, Smithfield—Sister Easter Sanders, Sister Ella Powell, Bro. Wyatt Eason, Bro. Jack Morgan.

Johnston, Piney Grove—Rev. William P. Sanders, Sister Amanda Sanders, Rev. Holloway.

St. Johns, Dunn—Bro. Percy Vann, Sister Dora Jacob, Sister Eula Wright, Sister Sarah McCoy, Sister Frances McLaughlin, Sister Lizzie Ivory.

Galilee—Bro. Hinton Hines, Sister A. Mitchener.

Oakey Grove—Sister Hettie Williams, Sister Jennie Jones.

New Bethel—Sister Martha Sanders.

Selma—Sister Henrietta Sanders, Sister Mabel McCullers, Bro. Norman Sanders, Bro. Allen Wall, Bro. Alonzo Terrell, Sister Tempie Lassiter.

Clayton—Sister Melvina Bridgers, Sister Carrie Dunston, Sister Ina Patterson, Bro. Joe Sanders, Bro. Johnnie Sanders.

Good Samaritan—Bro. Tucker Sanders, Bro. George Sanders, Sister Adda Sanders.

Fayetteville Street—Rev. R. C. Hopkins.

St. Marys—Bro. Simon Rogers, Sister Kitty Rogers.

Why should we mourn, dear departed friend, and shake at death alone.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. All moneys sent from churches, societies and individuals shall be acknowledged in the minutes of the association.

Sec. 2. Before the final adjournment of this association all funds, notes, etc., shall be counted by the Finance Committee

and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give the Finance Committee a receipt for the amount placed in his hands.

Sec. 3. No missionary or agent of the association shall be Treasurer.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall refund all money paid out otherwise specified in the Constitution.

Sec. 5. After the expenses of the association shall have been paid, the remaining association funds shall be applied to such purposes as the association shall direct: Provided, that the funds sent in for education, home and foreign missions, be held by the boards subject to the order of the respective boards.

Sec. 6. The Treasurer shall turn over to his successor all funds, notes, books and papers belonging to the association as soon as his successor shall give bond, as specified in the above section.

Sec. 7. Should the newly elected Treasurer in any case fail to qualify, the Finance Committee shall retain the funds and be held responsible for the same until a Treasurer, to be elected by the association or the Executive Board, shall qualify.

Sec. 8. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and make annual reports to the Association.

Sec. 9. The duties of the boards provided for in the Constitution shall be such as are usually performed by such boards in other similar bodies.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "The Johnston Baptist Association."

Art. 2. The object of this association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament. It shall be its duty to encourage education, to establish and support an associational high school within its bounds. Said school shall be under the control of a board of trustees. Said trustees shall be composed of the pastors of the churches connected with the association, including nine laymen in good standing in their

churches. Said laymen shall hold their offices for one year, but may be re-elected by the annual session of the association. Seven members present at any meeting of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum. The board shall have the right to elect their own officers, and shall make an annual report to the association,

Art. 3. This association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to two or more delegates. Ministers who are members of Missionary Baptist churches in good standing may become annual members by paying 50 cents at any annual meeting: provided, ministers who aided in the organization of this association shall be considered members so long as they remain members in good standing in any Missionary Baptist Church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the term.

Art. 5. The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be elected annually by the association. In addition to these there shall be elected annually by the association an Executive Board of seven, an Educational Board of nine, a Home Mission Board of five, and a Foreign Board of five members: provided, that the Moderator and the Clerk be ex officio members.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, giving his opinion concerning any question under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, to give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same for the purpose for which they were collected. He shall not pay orders drawn on the Treasurer

except it be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of the association.

Art. 9. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at an annual session of the association, through delegates appointed for the purpose, and if the association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend to the delegate the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 10. The association shall not maintain fellowship with any church or churches that neglect to preserve good order.

Art. 11. The association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Art. 12. The annual session of this body shall convene on Wednesday, 10 a. m., before the third Sunday in October, of each year, and at such a place as this body may elect, and close on Friday evening.

Art. 13. The ministers composing the association shall hold three ministerial meetings a year in such place as the brethren may designate.

Art. 14. We will receive no minister into the association but those who have good moral characters.

Art. 15. Each church connected with the association may continue its membership by each church paying 25 cents annually for each of its members, 5 cents for general funds, 20 cents for education.

Art. 16. Baptist missionary societies within the bounds of this association may become members of this association by sending voluntary contributions. Each society shall be entitled to one delegate.

Art. 17. By appointment of this association, there shall be preached during each annual session an introductory, educational, doctrinal, and missionary sermon.

Art. 18. One day during each session shall be set apart as Woman's Missionary Day, and that they shall have charge of a special program of their own, but all money raised on Woman's Missionary Day shall go into the general association funds.

Art. 19. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

(Revised December 27, 1918.)

MINUTES
OF THE
UNION MEETING
OF THE
JOHNSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1918

REV. H. R. HOLT, PRESIDENT
REV. GEORGE H. PENNY, SECRETARY



PROCEEDINGS

Benson, N. C., March 29, 30, 1918.

The session was inspiring and helpful from beginning to end.

The sermons by Rev. J. C. Melton, Rev. H. E. Clark, and Dr. W. A. Jones were strong and able expositions of the gospel, and were well received.

On Saturday the Woman's Auxiliary was organized. The meeting did us all good.

Total receipts, \$54.21.

Four Oaks, June 28-30, 1918.

Sermons by Rev. R. W. Underwood, Rev. I. J. Jones, Rev. H. R. Holt, and Rev. George H. Penny. Topics: "The Church the Social Dictator," by Prof. Q. C. Miles; "The Best Method of Improving the Condition of Our Churches," by Dr. W. A. Jones; "The Preacher's Patriotic Duty in the World War," by Rev. Thornton. The sermons were all good and well received.

The Constitution for the Union meeting was received and adopted.

Total receipts, \$42.50.

Bailey, N. C., September 29-31, 1918.

Sermons by Rev. H. R. Holt, Bro. J. W. Woodard, and Rev. George H. Penny. The sermons were very good.

Topics: "The Duty of the Union to Home Missions," Prof. Q. C. Miles; "To Foreign Missions," Rev. W. H. Mitchener.

The present officers were re-elected for the year 1919.

Total receipts, \$60.00.

Total receipts for the year 1918.....\$156.71

Total disbursements for the year 1918..... 129.79

Following are the churches contributing, with the amounts:

White Oak Hill, \$1.50; New Vester, 50 cents; Benson, \$3.00; St. Mary's, \$3.00; Green Chapel, \$1.00; Strickland Grove, \$3.00; Galilee, \$3.00; Mount Carmel, \$1.50; Oakey Grove, \$4.50; Clayton Baptist, \$3.00; New Hill, \$1.00; Good Samaritan, \$1.50; Johnston Piney Grove, \$4.50; Smithfield, First Baptist, \$1.50; St. John's, \$3.00; Selma, First Baptist, \$4.50; Ebenezer, Kenly, \$4.50.

Preachers who paid: Rev. R. S. Sanders, 75 cents; Rev. J. C. Melton, 50 cents; Rev. H. E. Clarke, 25 cents; Bro. Willie Bumpass, 50 cents; Rev. W. A. Jones, 75 cents; Rev. W. M. A. Sanders, 50 cents; Rev. R. W. Underwood, 50 cents; Rev. A. J. Jones, 50 cents; Rev. H. H. Sanders, 50 cents; Rev. W. H. Mitchener, 50 cents; Rev. D. R. Wilson, \$1.00; Rev. R. Crockett, \$1.50; Rev. N. L. Horton, 50 cents; Rev. H. M. Jones, 25 cents; Rev. J. R. Hinnant, \$1.00; Bro. W. H. Walker, 75 cents; Bro. W. M. McSwain, \$1.00; Bro. D. J. Judkins, 25 cents; Bro. W. W. Stancill, 50 cents; Bro. John Woodard, 50 cents.

Deacons who paid for the year 1919: Gilford Gilmore, 25 cents; George Sanders, 50 cents; C. T. Brewington, 25 cents; R. W. Watson, 25 cents; W. D. Womack, 25 cents; W. M. Wilcox, 25 cents; W. H. Lee, 25 cents; J. J. Jones, 25 cents; Mordecai Stevens, 75 cents; Dock Rogers, 25 cents; A. F. Sanders, 50 cents; A. J. Powell, 50 cents; R. H. Spruill, 50 cents; Bristol Creech, 25 cents; William Smith, 25 cents; A. W. Penny, 25 cents; J. T. Hinnant, 25 cents; J. R. Richardson, 25 cents; W. H. Dunston, 25 cents; W. H. Horton, 25 cents; A. L. Elias, 25 cents; J. E. Hocutt, 25 cents; Cos Richardson, 25 cents; W. G. Howard, 25 cents; N. K. Kent, 25 cents; J. H. Manning, 25 cents; Pat Jeffries, 50 cents.

A detailed statement of disbursements is omitted in order to reduce expense of printing, but statement may be obtained from the Secretary upon request.

REV. H. R. HOLT, *President*.

REV. R. W. UNDERWOOD, *Vice-President*.

REV. GEORGE H. PENNY, *Secretary*.

REV. M. L. MCCOY, *Treasurer*.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION MEETING OF THE JOHNSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the "Union Meeting of the Johnston Baptist Association."

Art. 2. Its objects shall be to call the ministers and deacons together for spiritual development of the churches within the bounds of the association and to do educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. The officers of the Union shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Art. 4. The election of officers shall be annually on the last meeting day of the association.

Art. 5. The annual fee for ordained ministers shall be one dollar, for licensed ministers 50 cents, and deacons 25 cents.

Art. 6. Ordained ministers, licensed ministers, or deacons failing to pay the fee or fees, the church which he or they represent shall be held responsible for such fee or fees.

Art. 7. Each church shall pay \$1.50 at each meeting of the Union.

Art. 8. Each preacher who preaches at the Union shall receive the sum of not less than one dollar, but not more than five dollars.

Art. 9. The President and Secretary shall receive two dollars per day for their services. The Treasurer shall receive his railroad fare.

Art. 10. The Union shall make an annual report to the association.

Art. 11. The Union shall have printed annually a condensed statement of its proceedings.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present.



